



# FIRE FROM HEAVEN



## 1 Kings 18

Ahab was still king of Israel. He prayed to an idol called Baal. He asked Baal to bring rain, but rain did not fall. The crops did not grow. The people cried, "We are hungry!"

The prophet Elijah brought King Ahab a message from God. Elijah said, "There is no rain because you worship a statue instead of the true God!" This made King Ahab very angry.

Elijah wanted to show the people that his God was the one true God. So Elijah gave them a challenge. He and King Ahab and all the Israelites marched up Mount Carmel.

Elijah told the worshippers of Baal, "Build an altar for your god. I will build an altar for my God."

Then they placed an offering on each altar. The worshippers of Baal cried out for the god to send fire. They danced around the altar, but nothing happened. Elijah teased Baal's priests, "Maybe Baal is on vacation!"

Elijah dug a trench all around his altar. He poured water over everything. Water even filled the trench. Elijah prayed. Suddenly fire came down from heaven. The sacrifice burned up. The stone altar burned up. Even the water in the trench was gone!

When the people saw what had happened, they bowed down and worshiped the one true God. Before long, God allowed it to rain again.



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# PRESCHOOL



## WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

**TABLE #1** - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Water Sensory Bin - - - **Floor** - cars



## INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Have preschoolers tidy of the room and then gather in the story area. When preschoolers are settled, start the Bible story (video or read from the book). After the story, engage in conversation with preschoolers using the Bible sequencing cards provided.

**Elijah was a special friend of God. He reminded God's people about His commandments and God's love for them. Let's listen to hear how Elijah proved God was real.**



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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible, page 209; or view the story video on the TV. The story and songs for the month are in the folder marked "March."

Place the sequencing page with the numbers on it where preschoolers can see it (floor or table). Next, pull one card from your hand and ask preschoolers which number the picture should be on. Numbers are printed on the back for your use. Talk about what is happening in the picture and what it might represent. **Elijah showed God's people who the true God is. He reminded the people they should only worship God.**

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## SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the March 2026 file.



## PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

**If you love Me, keep My commands.  
John 14:15**

# **ACTIVITIES**

## **WATER SENSORY BIN**

- Sit the sensory bin on the table where interested preschoolers can easily interact with the items inside. Allow them to build an altar with the rocks and pour water over them. Have a towel nearby for quick clean ups.
- **When Elijah wanted to show God's people who the real God is, he dug a deep pit around the altar he had built. Then he poured lots of water over the altar. After Elijah prayed to God, God sent fire from heaven. Even when the altar was wet, God made the fire come!"**

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## **PLAY DOH FUN**

- Place the play-doh mats on the table for preschoolers to interact with.
- Encourage preschoolers to review the story and the Bible verse.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.